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ACT NO. XXIII OF 1899.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(*Received the assent of the Governor General on the 27th September, 1899.*)

An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Kirk Sessions of the Church of Scotland in British India.

WHEREAS there are in British India Kirk Sessions of the Church of Scotland which have been duly constituted to be Church Courts for ecclesiastical purposes in pursuance of Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland;

And whereas it is expedient that such Kirk Sessions and any others which may hereafter be so constituted, should be incorporated with the powers hereinafter provided:

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (*1*) This Act may be called the Church of Scotland Kirk Sessions Act, 1899;

(*2*) It extends to the whole of British India; and

(*3*) It shall come into force at once.

Scotch Kirk Sessions to be bodies corporate.

2. (*1*) Every Kirk Session which has been, or may hereafter be, duly constituted to be a Church Court for ecclesiastical purposes in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is hereby declared to be, and the same shall be, a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal.

(*2*) A notification by the Governor General in Council in the Gazette of India that a Kirk Session has been duly constituted in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland shall be conclusive proof that it has been so constituted.

3. (*1*) Every

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Power to hold and dispose of property.

3. (*1*) Every Kirk Session constituted as aforesaid shall, as a body corporate, have power to acquire and hold any property which has been, or may hereafter be, vested in it for the purposes of the Congregation for which it has been, or may hereafter be, constituted, or of any trust which may have been, or may hereafter be, accepted by it, to transfer the same, to contract and to do all other things necessary for, or incidental to, the purposes of its constitution or of any such trust as aforesaid.

(*2*) The signature of the Moderator and Treasurer or Session-clerk for the time being of a Kirk Session constituted as aforesaid shall, if affixed on behalf and by order of the Kirk Session, be sufficient for all purposes for which the signature of the Kirk Session is required.

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